



# CITY OF SMYRNA

## STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Monday, October 11th, 2021**

**Planning and Zoning Meeting**

**6:00pm**

**City Hall - Council Chambers**

**Wednesday, October 13th, 2021**

**License and Variance Board Meeting**

**10:00am**

**City Hall - Council Chambers**

**Thursday, October 14th, 2021**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**6:00pm**

**City Hall - HR Conference Room**

### **SMYRNA MUSEUM**

#### ***Cemetery Clean-up Event & Tour***

**Saturday October 16th**

**9AM - 12 PM**

**Smyrna Memorial Cemetery**

Come enjoy a fall morning while learning about Smyrna Memorial and cemetery care.

Limited to 12 participants.

Email [jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov](mailto:jeldredge@smyrnaga.gov)



# SMYRNA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**Youth Services Remodel:** Additional shelving was recently erected in Youth Services to add room for growth for this popular collection. New, colorful end panels were ordered to refresh the look and feel of the department.

## Weekly Library Recap:

Weekly Visitors (Sep 20th - Sep 26th): **2,560**

Weekly Visitors (Sep 26th - Oct 2nd): **2,304**

**Weekly Museum Recap:** The Smyrna Museum had 11 visitors since the last update, the furthest hailing from Wisconsin. Museum Manager, Jennie Eldredge, helped with **three historic inquiries.**



# ENGINEERING



**Employee Spotlight:** David Ledoux has worked for the City of Smyrna since 2014, where he started in the Sanitation Department. Since then, he has worked as a Warehouse Attendant in 2016 and currently works as a Traffic Signal Technician in the Engineering Department. David grew up in Cobb County and has enjoyed seeing the change over the years. He attended Campbell High School and Chattahoochee Technical College. He finds pride in working for the City where he grew up and having the opportunity to make positive changes. As a Traffic Signal Technician, David is responsible for maintaining all 55 signals within the City. This work includes routine maintenance of the signal cabinet and equipment, troubleshooting signals that go into flash, and solving detection and timing issues. His work is not limited to traffic signals – David is also responsible for maintaining and creating the signage within the City. He also assists the City Engineer and Assistant City Engineer in their collection of traffic volume and speed data gathered from dynamic speed radar signs. The Engineering Department also relies on David to maintain school flashers and ensure that they are operating as scheduled. In addition, David coordinates with a variety of organizations for traffic signal projects - RTOP, Georgia Power, and signal contractors. David is an integral part of the Engineering team and is the sole technician for the department. In his spare time, David enjoys playing basketball and has played in numerous tournaments for the City of Smyrna.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## Weekly Inspections

**164 Inspections**

**92 Sites**

**Total Estimated  
Cost of  
Construction  
Permits:**

**\$1,536,349**

## Building New/Residential (6)

(6) Cumberland Station

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$1,183,752**

## Building Remodel/Residential (10)

(1) Accessory, 4) Addition, (3) Interior, (1) Re-Roof, (1) Retaining Wall

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$302,597**

## Building Remodel/Commercial (1)

(1) Remodel - Genesis Sports Medicine (4485 S Cobb Dr, Ste 200)

**Estimated Cost of Construction: \$50,000**

**HVAC (3)**

**Plumbing (4)**

**Signs (1)**

**Electrical (4)**

(1) Signs - Face Change - Brushbusters (756 Concord Rd)

## Permit Type - Cost of Construction

Single-Family Townhome: \$1,183,752

Residential Addition: \$168,322

Residential Interior: \$78,800

Commercial Remodel: \$50,000

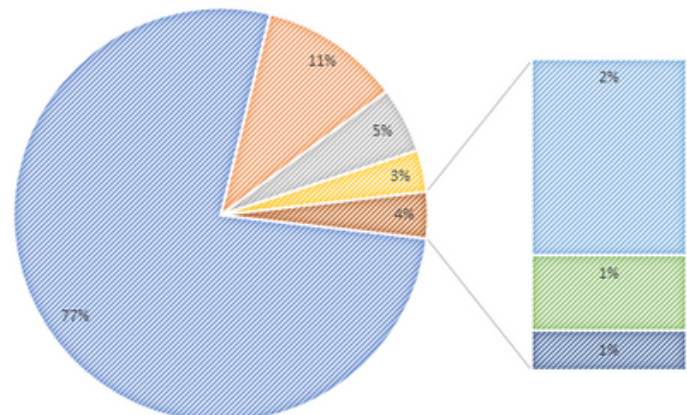
Residential Accessory: \$35,000

Residential Retaining Wall: \$13,500

Residential Re-Roof: \$6,975

## ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION

■ Single-Family Townhome ■ Residential Addition ■ Residential Interior  
 ■ Commercial Remodel ■ Residential Accessory ■ Residential Retaining Wall  
 ■ Residential Re-roof



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## New Businesses

### FAMILY PARTY RENTALS LLC

Party Rentals - Office Only  
1173 Falling Water Dr SE  
Ward 1

### JESS VALOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography  
432 Cranleigh Ridge SE  
Ward 3

### LOUISA ANTHONY HAIR GOODS

Wig Rentals for Film  
1112 Vinings Grove Way SE  
Ward 4

### TOPSPIN STRATEGIES, INC

Government Relations  
171 Concord Rd SE  
Ward 4

### JEFF'S MECHANICAL

Handyman Services  
1295 S Lea Ct SE Apt A  
Ward 6

### 2130 CONSULTING

Consulting  
1655 Mountain Top Ln  
Ward 7

### LOLILUMI

Children's Clothing & Accessories  
4460 Wilkerson Pl SE  
Ward 7

### LAB DAY CURATIONS, LLC

Personal Chef Services  
5092 Healey Dr SE  
Ward 7

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Cobb Chamber Public Safety

**Awards:** This Monday, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce held its 2021 Public Safety Awards. Smyrna Fire had three nominations, and we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for representing a commitment to excellence Captain Grubaugh, Lt. Bower, Lt. Benna, Lt. Childers, FF Pace, and FF Rockwell. Thank you to Mayor Norton, City Administrator Bennett, Councilman Lindley, and Councilman Gould.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Fire Totals

Fire: 2

Medical: 53

Other: 48

Total Incidents: 103

**Smyrna Business Association:** On Thursday, both Chief Acree and Deputy Chief Marcos spoke at the Smyrna Business Association luncheon. They were the guest speakers in honor of Public Safety month.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Welcome to Smyrna!



**Timmy Jones**  
Police Dept.  
Detention Officer  
Hired: 09/06/2021



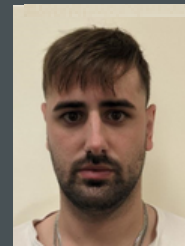
**Daniel Chandler**  
Police Dept.  
Police Officer  
Hired: 09/06/2021



**Joshua Knox**  
Police Dept.  
Police Officer  
Hired: 09/06/2021



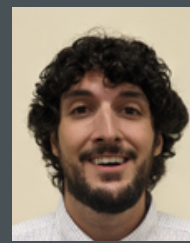
**Sabrina Cooper-Richardson**  
Public Works  
Recycling Truck  
Driver  
Hired: 09/07/2021



**Patrick Barnette**  
Public Works  
Crew Worker  
Hired: 09/13/2021



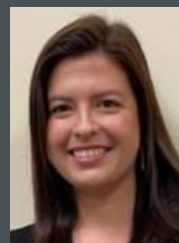
**Keenan Garner**  
Police Dept.  
Detention Officer  
Hired: 09/23/2021



**Chris Danos**  
Parks and Rec  
Community  
Center Supervisor  
Hired: 09/13/2021



**Ron Waddell**  
Court Services  
Bailiff  
Hired: 09/16/2021



**Ashley Youmans**  
Administration  
Special Projects  
Coordinator &  
Regional Liasion  
Hired: 09/30/2021



**Eric Randall**  
Engineering  
City Engineer  
Hired: 09/27/2021



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Happy Anniversary!

### Kenneth Owens

Police Dept.  
20 Years of Service

### Ruth Lay

Parks and Recreation  
5 Years of Service

### Caitlin Crowe

Community Dev.  
5 Years of Service

### Christopher Whitlock

Police Dept.  
5 Years of Service

### Eric Armstrong

Police Dept.  
5 Years of Service

### Jordan Lawrence

Police Dept.  
5 Years of Service

### Bryan Labar

Police Dept.  
5 Years of Service

### Bo Jones

Public Works  
5 Years of Service

### Wade Roberts

Fire Dept.  
5 Years of Service

### Randy King

Public Works  
40 Years of Service

# ADMINISTRATION



## 2021-22 SMYRNA YOUTH COUNCIL

Application Deadline: Sunday, October 17th

Are you interested in local government? The Smyrna Youth Council offers High Schoolers a unique opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of running a city. This program allows students to prove their leadership in creating their own budgets and agendas, learning the successes of Smyrna businesses and industries, and so much more.

### REQUIREMENTS

- HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
- MAINTAIN A 2.50 GPA
- COMMIT UP TO 15 HOURS PER MONTH
- POSSESS POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- HAVE AN INTEREST IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Scan here for application



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### Smyrna Youth Council Program:

The Smyrna Youth Council program allows students to prove their leadership in creating their own budgets and agendas, learning the successes of Smyrna businesses and industries, and so much more. Students selected to be a part of the program will have the opportunity to hold positions such as Youth Mayor, Secretary, and Treasurer; to offer input to city staff and elected officials; and participate in a unique government leadership experience. Applications are open from **Friday, October 1st to Sunday, October 17th**. Applicants may reach out to Tyler Lewis for questions. [Apply here!](#)

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Document Shredding Event:** At our Document Shredding event on October 2nd, **335 cars** came through with **13,020 pounds** (6.51 tons) of paper that was shredded and recycled. Recycling this amount of paper saves **21.45 cubic yards** of landfill space and can save energy equivalent to **2,093 gallons of gasoline**. We had **9 volunteers** contribute **36 volunteer hours** to make the event happen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October Community Cleanups,** Oct 14th, Oct 29th

**Adopt-a-Mile Litter Cleanup,** Oct 16th

**Bulky Trash Amnesty Day,** Nov 6th

### Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation:

Keep Smyrna Beautiful has received a grant from the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation to distribute informational handouts about good recycling practices and support a local litter cleanup.



**Annual Bulb Sale:** The Jonquil Bulb Sale kicked off Friday, October 1st. Bulbs can be purchased at the Recycling Center during regular hours. \$20 for a bag of 50. There are 239 bags of jonquils left.

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



**Large Item Amnesty Day:** The third Large Item Amnesty Day is on Saturday, November 6th from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at Smyrna Public Works. This event is for Smyrna residents and city employees to dispose of large, bulky items like furniture, mattresses for free.

**Smyrna Birthday Celebration:** Keep Smyrna Beautiful volunteers will be on hand at Saturday's Smyrna Birthday celebration to hand out trash bags to ensure that the event stays litter-free and collect recycling.

## Recycling Center:

- Number of Weekly Recycling Patrons: **505**
- September Stats:
  - Pounds of Material Recycled: **83,874 lbs.**
  - Patrons: **1,955**
- 2021 Stats:
  - Pounds of Material Recycled: **852,003 lbs.**
  - Patrons: **17,455**
- Community Service Program: **198 lbs. of litter** collected on **9 streets** on October 2nd.
- Recycling Center Tours: The center is offering monthly tours to the public. Residents can sign up to tour the Smyrna Recycling Center on October 15th at 9:00am. These monthly tours happen on the third Friday of every month.
- Hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday, 10:00pm-6:00pm

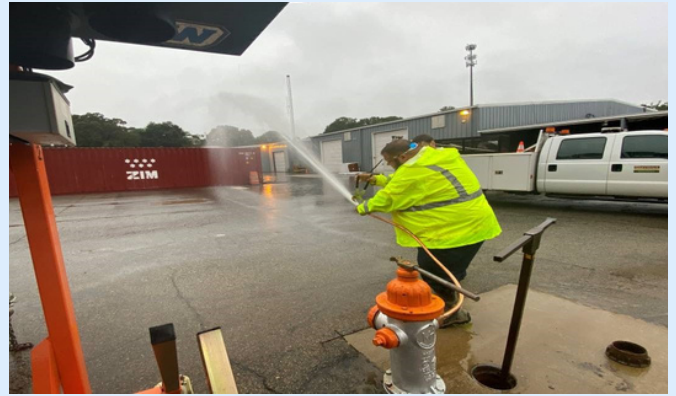




# PUBLIC WORKS

## Water/Sewer Division

**LMIG:** The Water, Sewer, and Street departments have completed the evaluation of all underground infrastructure for the LMIG resurfacing program. This included video inspection and cleaning to check the condition and integrity of the pipes before our upcoming yearly paving schedule. This will ensure that we will not have any issues under newly paved roads, and will save us from redigging newly paved roads. The inspection and cleaning of the project are **100%** Complete. All repairs have been scheduled and are underway on underground infrastructure. All repairs consist of Goodwood Blvd, Campbell Rd, Hawthorne Ave, Marston, Vineyard Way, North Cooper Lake Dr., and Hickory Lane. The project is **55%** complete.



**Backflow Testing:** Water Distribution has also started the City's first backflow inventory and testing program. This is done through a third-party participant (BSI ONLINE), who handles all documentation related to state and federal mandates along with ensuring the devices are tested. Being this is the first year of the project, we will only be tracking commercial accounts. After the completion of commercial accounts, Public Works will then enforce the testing of residential backflows as well. **80%** of commercial customers have submitted passing testing results so far this year.



**Public Works Training:** Street and Water Distribution departments attended roadway safety training this week, this included flagging operation and roadway construction set up. This training is required yearly to keep our employees certified and safe.

Water distribution holds biannual training for new employees on water service repairs, water main repairs, and spotting of utilities. This training minimizes downtime during repairs along with boosting the confidence of new employees before it must be done in the field. The images show seasoned veteran Steven Watts training new employee Patrick Barnett on how to replace curb stop under pressure.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Street Department

**Sanitation Department:** Municipalities across the country are struggling to staff their sanitation departments and being forced to cut services. Smyrna's sanitation department is doing a phenomenal job of maintaining this critical service to our citizens despite difficult circumstances. **Steven Foster's** performance as a team leader/truck driver in the department has been exemplary. Steven has been in sanitation since 2018 and worked his way up from laborer to team leader. He reliably gets all the houses on his route and thoroughly inspects his truck each day to make sure it is cleaned and maintained. His dedication and leadership in the department exemplifies the motto "Public Works Strong".

**SPLOST - Windy Hill Boulevard:** Baldwin is prepping to start the installation of the storm drain, and a temporary sidewalk on the southern side of Windy Hill. They will start removing the existing curb and gutter on the southern side of Windy Hill next week.



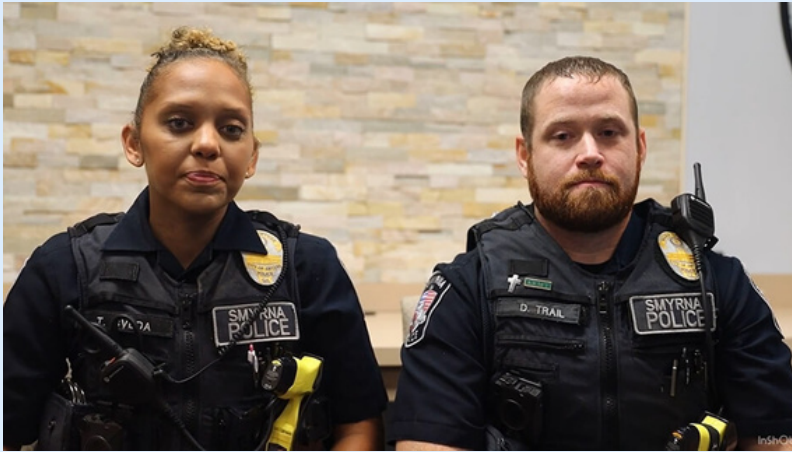
### Public Works South Cobb Drive Water Line Project Phase II:

The project's scope of work involves installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor has completed laying about **95%** of the new water main. The major intersection on Concord at South Cobb along with Powder Springs at South Cobb remains to be completed due to the complexity of the existing water main needing to be tied on to new ductile iron. The project is **95%** complete.

**Oakdale Road Median Project:** The Street Department has started the Oakdale Road median project. The project is **50%** complete



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Weekly Police Totals

Arrests: 36

Citations: 112

Warnings: 80

Total Calls for Service: 735

**Cobb Chamber Award of Merit:** Congratulations to Officers Dustin Trail and Tasia Sveda for being awarded the Cobb Chamber's Award of Merit during the Public Safety Awards breakfast! You can listen to their story along with a statement by Chief Zgonc by clicking [here!](#)

# COURT SERVICES



## Stats from Court:

- Cases on 2 Calendars: **224**
- Failure to Appear: **64**
- Resets: **74**
- Pre-Trials: **28**
- DUI's Completed: **9**
- Cases Paid Prior to Court: **90**

